



May 9, 2005

The Honorable Steny Hoyer  
House Democratic Whip  
U.S. House of Representatives  
H-306, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Hoyer:

On behalf of the 170,000 members of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), I am pleased to support the Full-Service Community Schools Act slated to be introduced on May 10, 2005. This bill will provide much needed funding to support those designated public primary and secondary schools that benefit students through the integration of quality education, youth development, family involvement, community participation, and delivery of health services to children and their families.

Throughout our more than sixty-year history, ASCD has recognized the correlation between student wellbeing and academic achievement. Our *Health in Education Initiative* serves as a guide for educators in developing learning environments that foster the needs of the whole child and our Association is actively involved in advocating for and developing policies and practices pertaining to school health programs. ASCD also recently co-sponsored and released a report entitled *Restoring the Balance between Academics and Civic Engagement in Public Schools* that focuses on the need to involve our children in civic life. This report was in response to growing evidence that today's young people are less civically engaged than were earlier generations. The Full Service Community Schools Act effectively complements our efforts to develop well-educated and well-rounded, responsible, engaged citizens in healthy school environments.

This Act allows for collaboration of services to support the whole child and to promote healthy learning. I am pleased to add ASCD's support to this initiative.

With warm regards,

Gene R. Carter  
Executive Director and CEO

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